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Montana Receives 5-year, \$3.4 Million Grant to Continue Operating Troops to Teachers Programs

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HELENA—The Montana Office of Public Instruction is honored to receive \$3.4 million from the U.S. Department of Defense to operate [Troops to Teachers](#) programs in ten states. The regional office is led by Montana State University, where much of the funding is subgranted. The Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is the other subgrantee. The funds are available through the 2023 school year.

The Troops to Teachers program at MSU is overseen by Retired Army Col. LeRoy Gaub. The program serves the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Montana.

The goal of Troops to Teachers is to recruit and support military members and veterans who desire to make a career transition to teaching at the K-12 levels. Montana has one of the largest numbers of veterans per capita in the country.

“Teacher recruitment and retention is a real challenge that we face in Montana. I am thrilled that we will be able to show leadership for the Troops to Teachers program. It will allow us to honor our students and veterans around the state and region while making Montana proud,” said State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen.

“America’s military veterans make outstanding classroom teachers. I have watched it happen for over thirteen years. Our veterans are proud to serve again, and bring a multitude of positive personal qualities and real-world experience to America’s classrooms,” said Col. Gaub.

More information about the national Troops to Teachers program can be found here: <http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/News/Details?id=75>.

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